

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING JUDGE WILLIAM NEALON ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FROM THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to U.S. District Court Judge William J. Nealon who was chosen to receive the President's Award from the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

On December 15, 2007, Judge Nealon celebrated his 45th year as a United States District Court Judge. Appointed to the Federal bench by President John F. Kennedy on December 15, 1962, he was the youngest Federal judge in the country.

Judge Nealon served the Middle District as Chief Judge from 1976 until 1989. He has served on this court longer than any other judge in the history of the Middle District. Today, he is the third most tenured federal judge in the nation out of 1,100 federal jurists.

The proud product of Scranton Public Schools, he later served in the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945 where he held the rank of first lieutenant. He received a bachelor of science degree in economics from Villanova University in 1947 and was awarded his Juris Doctor degree from the Catholic University of America in 1950. Prior to being appointed to the Federal bench, Judge Nealon served on the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County.

In 1983, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, a professional society of more than 50,000 trial lawyers, named Judge Nealon the "Outstanding Federal Trial Judge in the United States." He has been the recipient of numerous community awards and has served as chairman of several local boards, including the University of Scranton, Mercy Hospital, and the Catholic Youth Center.

Having served as president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County some 44 years ago, his dinner in 1964 was regarded as one of the most memorable the society has ever held. Robert F. Kennedy, the United States Attorney General, made his first public appearance that evening just 4 months after the tragic assassination of his brother, President John F. Kennedy. Judge Nealon today is the most senior of distinguished past presidents of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Judge Nealon on this auspicious occasion. Judge Nealon's faithful service to his community and to his Nation is well known throughout northeastern and central Pennsylvania and has been an inspiration to all whose lives he has touched.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Ouachita Parish School District for its designation as one of the top five school districts in the State of Louisiana, according to rankings recently released by the Department of Education.

As test scores throughout the Fifth Congressional District steadily climb each year, I believe the continued success of the Ouachita Parish School District stands as an example of hope and encouragement to other schools in the state who are striving to improve their current rankings.

The Fifth Congressional District has long struggled to overcome its status as one of the poorest regions in the country with an educational system that is often ranked very low. The achievements of the Ouachita Parish School District give me great hope that our region can defy its history.

When children excel in school, the transformation that takes place within their lives spills out beyond the walls of the classroom and into the community in which they live, and I believe the Ouachita Parish School District is stimulating such progress in North Louisiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the efforts of the Ouachita Parish School District and its commitment to improving education and the quality of life in Ouachita Parish and throughout the State.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2008 VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my Virginia colleagues FRANK WOLF and JAMES MORAN to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in northern Virginia. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes individuals who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety with the prestigious Valor Award. Several members of the Fairfax County Police Department have earned this highest honor that Fairfax County bestows upon its public safety officials.

There are several types of Valor Awards that can be awarded to a public safety officer: the Life Saving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal of Valor.

It is with great pride that we enter into the record the names of the recipients of the 2008

Valor Awards in the Fairfax County Police Department. Receiving the Life Saving Award: Auxiliary Police Officer Jorge A. Canovas, Private First Class Jeremy T. Hoffman, Private First Class Jason J. Mardocco, Sergeant Andrew B. Wehrlein; Certificate of Valor: Private First Class Christopher L. Coleman, Private First Class Kirk A. McNickle, Private First Class Richard D. Shughart II, Private First Class Andrew L. Smuck, Private First Class Brooks R. Gillingham, Master Police Officer Mark P. Dale, Detective Gregory S. Bender; the Silver Medal: Private First Class Paul H. Bennett III, Officer Brian K. Bowman, Private First Class Kirk A. McNickle, Major Michael LoMonaco, Master Police Officer Gary S. Brown, Private First Class Daniel V. Johnson; the Bronze Medal: Rosemarie C. Silva.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 107 on motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 6, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 103–107.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 103—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2857, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; rollcall No. 104—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2857, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; rollcall No. 105—"no"—Flake of Arizona Amendment; rollcall No. 106—"yes"—Inslee of Washington Amendment; rollcall No. 107—"yes"—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education "GIVE" Act.

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# CONGRATULATING THE HIGHLAND PARK GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

## HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Highland Park Girls Swimming and Diving Team on winning the title of UIL 4A State Champions.

In his first year coaching at Highland Park, Jess Cole led the girls to their eighth consecutive win in the UIL Texas State Championship on Saturday, February 23, 2008. Those who competed at the State meet include Allison Arnold, Megan Arnold, Hannah Ferrin, Bolton Harris, Delaney Rolfe, Katy Streepey, Katy Tye, and Alex Weber. Their continued success can be attributed to their hard work, dedication, passion for swimming, and a strong sense of team spirit. In addition to claiming the title of State Champions, the Highland Park Girls Swimming and Diving Team now holds the longest State record in UIL swimming and diving, matching Class A Booker's record in girls golf as the longest in Texas high school sports since recordkeeping began in 1910.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Highland Park Girls Swimming and Diving Team for their well-deserved victory and wish them all the best in future endeavors.

# TRIBUTE TO NIAGARA COUNTY ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and delight that I rise today to recognize and celebrate Niagara County on its 200th anniversary.

From the locks of the Erie Canal to the roar of Niagara Falls, and from its rich history to its wonderful and generous people, Niagara County has much to celebrate on its bicentennial.

The first settlers of this area were amazed and continually challenged by the geographic surprises that awaited them. The most well-known surprise is the 12,000-year-old Niagara Falls, which the early settlers looked upon as an unexplained phenomenon of nature. While the breathtaking, yet hazardous, Niagara Falls rushes 6 million cubic feet of water over its edges every minute during its daytime peak, the falls did stand still on March 29, 1848. An ice blockade on Lake Erie stopped the flow of water into the falls, allowing for an opportunity for people to explore the cliffs of Niagara Falls. The falls remains the largest attraction in Niagara County, attracting millions of tourists every year.

Niagara County was one of the pioneers in aviation with its "Grand Balloon Ascension" in July 1858. This display of aeronautical ingenuity brought crowds from all over Niagara County, and also many of the surrounding counties. While the balloon remained in the air

for just over 30 seconds, this display was seen as a huge accomplishment to the crowds that witnessed the event. The manufacturing and research center Bell Aerospace in the town of Wheatfield was instrumental in creating jobs in Niagara County. This plant is well-known around the world for its helicopters, rocket belts, and lunar modules. The rocket powered Bell X-1 supersonic aircraft that broke the sound barrier was piloted in 1947, by the renowned Chuck Yeager. This historic craft is now displayed in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Not only was Niagara County a leader in aviation, it was instrumental in the development and expansion of the telegraph machine and the telephone in western New York. Niagara County was the location of the second telegraph line in the United States. The line was constructed in 1845 and stretched all the way from Lockport to Buffalo. The telegraph line provided a service experienced by few up to this time in history. The first major message sent on this telegraph line was the results of the 1845 elections. The first telephone arrived in Niagara County in 1878, just 2 years after Alexander Graham Bell patented this invention. This telephone connected Cataract Bank with the home of the bank officer. People came from all over the county to view this life-altering invention.

This bicentennial should be a celebration of the residents of Niagara County past and present. The traditions of hard work and dedication have been instilled in this community. You can tell when you meet the people of Niagara County that they are all willing to lend a hand and help a neighbor.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of its rich history, innovation, and its wonderful residents, I ask that this honorable body join me in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Niagara county.

# RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2008 VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

## HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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It is with great pride that we enter into the record the names of the recipients of the 2008 Valor Awards in the Vienna Police Department. Receiving the Life Saving Award: Sergeant Anthony R. Clingerman, Master Police Officer Jared B. Evans, Master Police Officer J. Michael Oliver, Master Police Officer H. Trent Nelson; the Silver Medal: Sergeant Anthony R. Clingerman.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Vienna Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 105 on H.R. 2857—GIVE Act, the Flake amendment, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

# TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL FRANK DAY McMULLEN, JR., USN (RET.)

## HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to VADM Frank Day McMullen, Jr. A native of Kansas City, MO, he bravely served our country for 36 years in the United States Navy. Vice Admiral McMullen passed away on January 2, 2008.

Frank McMullen graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1947. He received his post-graduate degree from The George Washington University. He also attended the National War College and served as deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy. Vice Admiral McMullen's extraordinary career led him to command one diesel electric and two nuclear powered submarines, the Submarine Squadron in the Holy Loch, Scotland, the Submarine Fortilla in New London, CT, and the Submarine Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, in Pearl Harbor, HI.

Vice Admiral McMullen was very fortunate to have the love and understanding of his family who encouraged him, even when he left home to serve on lengthy deployments. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, who passed away in November 2002, and his daughter Christine, who passed away in March 1994.

Vice Admiral McMullen truly loved his work and was very proud of his service to our country. I hope Members of the House will join me in honoring this outstanding Missourian, an extraordinary naval officer, and a wonderful husband, father, and friend.

# CONDEMNING THE ONGOING PALESTINIAN ROCKET ATTACKS ON ISRAELI CIVILIANS

SPEECH OF

## HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I voted for this resolution because I believe we must condemn the

rocket attacks launched from Gaza into Israel. Many innocent persons, both Israeli and Palestinian, have been killed or injured in the violence. In addition to death and injury, the ongoing violence has destroyed property, instilled fear, and disrupted the lives of innocent civilians on both sides of the conflict.

I appreciate that the resolution helps document the toll that rocket attacks have exacted on Israeli civilians. But I very much regret that the resolution misses an important opportunity to acknowledge the complexity of problems and issues which give rise to the conflict. And I am particularly troubled that the resolution fails to recognize the depth and breadth of human suffering, misery, and death that has been visited upon the people of Gaza.

Mr. Speaker, the humanitarian situation in Gaza has only worsened since the armed takeover by Hamas in June 2007. Basic items such as baby milk, wheat grain, vegetable oil, and dairy products are in short supply. Additionally, the tightening of restrictions on the movement of goods and people by the Israeli government is causing serious hardship according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, OCHA.

The OCHA has found that these restrictions have had the effect of preventing the people of Gaza from receiving desperately needed healthcare treatments like chemotherapy and radiation therapy for cancer patients, pediatric surgery, and neurosurgery. The restrictions on the movement of goods make it difficult for healthcare providers to obtain new diagnostic medical equipment or the parts to service existing equipment that has fallen into disrepair. To make matters worse, it appears that those Palestinians who want to leave Gaza to pursue treatment in Israel or abroad are finding it difficult to do so.

Mr. Speaker, ensuring that humanitarian assistance is available and accessible to the people of Gaza is one of the most important steps that can be taken to ensure that the peace process succeeds and is not derailed by continued violence. It is for this reason that I recently wrote to Secretary of State Rice urging her to do all she can to make certain that vital humanitarian goods and services are successfully delivered in Gaza. I believe the moral force of the resolution would have been enhanced had it called for similar action.

Finally, this resolution cites the roles of Iran, Syria, and Egypt in enabling these attacks. I want to be clear that nothing recited in the resolution would justify a preemptive military response against these countries nor should it be used as grounds to build a case for such an action.

Mr. Speaker, the rocket attacks against Israel condemned by this resolution have caused great suffering to the victims. Acknowledging that suffering in a congressional resolution is a fitting and proper thing to do. But at the end of the day, the peace and justice we all seek will not come from passing a resolution in Congress. Rather, a just and lasting peace will come from the parties resolving in their hearts and minds to rededicate themselves to the active engagement in good faith negotiation to bring the two-state solution into being. I call upon the Administration to redouble its efforts in discharging its indispensable role as honest broker in the peace process.

HONORING DR. FREDERICK "SKIP" BERRIEN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, for over three decades, Dr. Frederick "Skip" Berrien has been a prominent figure in Connecticut's medical, academic, and child welfare communities. This month, he will retire as the director for the Child Abuse/Children's Advocacy Center at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. I rise today to recognize and celebrate his illustrious career and his contributions to our friends and neighbors in Connecticut.

Between 1980 and 1987, Dr. Berrien served as the director of pediatrics and acting medical director in general pediatrics at the UConn/Mount Sinai Health Center. Following his tenure at the UConn/Mount Sinai Health Center, Dr. Berrien assumed an associate director position for pediatric ambulatory services at Saint Francis Hospital. He subsequently served as director of pediatric ambulatory services, clinical director for sickle cell services, co-director of the Siberian American Children's Health Program, and director of child abuse services/Children's Advocacy Center at St. Francis. Beginning in 2001, Dr. Berrien joined the Connecticut Children's Medical Center as a consultant for the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program.

While the size and scope of Skip's medical career is clear, his contributions to the academic and social services community have also been substantial. From 1977 to 1979, Dr. Berrien was a clinical instructor at Boston University and from 1980 until present, an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at UConn School of Medicine. His original research ranges from the state of Russian pediatric health care to pediatric sickle cell pain management. His work in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union, established new, enduring partnerships with Russian doctors that has benefited both countries.

Dr. Berrien has added to his role of providing and teaching pediatric care, to serving as a forceful advocate for issues such as prevention of child abuse and neglect. In the early 1990's, he was instrumental with developing the Child Abuse/Children's Advocacy Center at St. Francis Hospital. At the time there was no program at all to deal with this critical unmet need in central Connecticut. Today as Dr. Berrien leaves, the center is one of the most respected such programs in the country and has brought both compassion and justice to this challenging area of law and medicine. In addition, Skip remains an active participant of such organizations as the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Hartford Multidisciplinary Intervention Child Abuse Team.

Medical professionals serve an invaluable role in our society. They are protectors of public health, and purveyors of hope and social justice. Throughout his career, Dr. Berrien has exemplified each of these roles. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents with recognizing his contributions and offering our warmest wishes for his retirement.

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It is with great pride that we enter into the record the names of the recipients of the 2008 Valor Awards in the Herndon Police Department. Receiving the Certificate of Valor: Sergeant Stephen Thompson, Senior Police Officer James J. Passmore, Officer Adil Afab, and Officer Michael R. Croson.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

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HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2008

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 106 on H.R. 2857, GIVE Act, the Inslee Amendment, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING SCOTTS HILL LIONS CLUB

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Scotts Hill Lions Club as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.

The Scotts Hill Lions Club was chartered on March 30, 1948, due to the hard work and vision of Scott Hill's Mayor Erin Holland and Adamsville Lions' Club member Farris Stafford. As a chartered member, the Scotts Hill Lions Club became part of Lions Club International, which is the world's largest service club organization with more than 46,000 clubs in over 190 countries and approximately 1.4 million members.

Over the course of the last 60 years, the Scotts Hill Lions Club members have volunteered their time, energy, and resources to

supporting local charities, providing care for families in need, and have generously contributed towards relief efforts at home and in countries throughout the world. To say the least, the Scotts Hill Lions Club has undoubtedly lived out their club's motto, "We serve." I commend the members of the Scotts Hill Lions Club and encourage others to follow their example of dedication and service. Their hard work will not only be felt locally but around the world for years to come.

Please join me in honoring the Scotts Hill Lions Club, President Dan Brigrance, Secretary Pattie Stewart, and other officers and members in wishing them the best on this well-deserved anniversary.

HONORING JACQUELINE KONOPKA

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, volunteers who work on behalf of public safety officers thicken and strengthen the Thin Blue Line.

Tens of thousands of police officers daily risk the ultimate sacrifice in order to serve a greater good. These public servants have a friend behind the scenes working on their behalf in the Law Enforcement Assistance Connection Inc.

Today, I call the House's attention to Jacqueline Konopka, a 25-year-old constituent from Newnan in Georgia's Third Congressional District. Jackie has gone above and beyond to aid the Law Enforcement Assistance Connection.

A flight attendant for AirTran Airways, Jackie became involved with LEAC after meeting the organization's founder and leader on one of her flights. Terry Hunt's description of his work on behalf of law enforcement on that fateful flight won over a new and tireless volunteer. But Konopka says she's an easy sell when it comes to aiding public safety officials. "As a flight attendant," she says, "public safety is my No. 1 priority."

Today, Hunt sees Konopka's work as integral to his organization's mission: "Jacqueline Konopka has shown me the true meaning of life and inspired me to achieve and overcome personal and professional obstacles. A loyal friend and adviser, Jackie is someone I admire for her perseverance, leadership skills, drive and dedication in all she has done and continues to do. She is extremely special to me—in fact, it's not a stretch to say that had it not been for her willingness and selflessness to advance LEAC's goals, this organization would not function."

LEAC takes part in various activities to promote the welfare of law enforcement authorities, including the Annual Benefit for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Gala in Washington, the Annual Charitable Golf Classic to support the Law Enforcement Assistance Connection; and A Matter of Honor Annual Golf Event and Gala for the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington.

Konopka helps plan and organize these events, but she describes her efforts on behalf of the LEAC as mainly "serving as a support for Terry." Nevertheless, she's breaking new

ground on her own by spearheading a "night out" for victims of violent crime. Konopka says she wants the event, planned for 2009 in Washington, to call attention to the fact that 1 out of 3 in this country are sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

Madam Speaker, I hope the House will join me in thanking and congratulating Jacqueline Konopka and the Law Enforcement Assistance Connection Inc. for all that they give and all that they do to support the public servants who do so much for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RAMAPO  
COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED CITI-  
ZENS DINNER 2008

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize four individuals who have been named by the Ramapo College Foundation Board of Governors as the 2008 Distinguished Citizens. This honor highlights their personal and professional commitment to advance higher education and their significant service to the community.

James E. Jaworski, Esq.; Patricia B. Shrader, Esq.; Drew Nieparent, and Edward P. Wallace, Jr. each support Ramapo College in their own unique ways while exemplifying the school's commitment to high standards of educational excellence.

In addition, these individuals are recognized for their dedication and unfailing commitment to our community. Our communities are only as strong as the people and organizations that are willing to put their time, effort, and energy into building them. I applaud Ramapo College for honoring these individuals and, in doing so, the true spirit of community that helps to make our country a symbol of strength and hope worldwide.

Ramapo College of New Jersey is located in Mahwah, New Jersey. Designated as "New Jersey's Public Liberal Arts College," Ramapo is a comprehensive institution of higher education whose faculty and staff dedicate themselves to the promotion of teaching and learning within a strong liberal arts based curriculum. Its curricular emphasis includes the liberal arts and sciences, social sciences, fine and performing arts, and the professional programs within a residential and sustainable living and learning environment.

It is an honor to represent such fine people and institutions in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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It is with great pride that we enter into the record the names of the recipients of the 2008 Valor Awards in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Receiving the Certificate of Valor: Acting Technician Ronald S. Seghetti, Firefighter Jason P. Kelly; the Gold Medal: Lieutenant Danny R. Urps, Master Technician John F. Linhart, Master Technician Joseph K. Swift, Firefighter Medic William F. Ward; the Silver Medal: Captain Richard C. Smith, Firefighter John A. Fleming; the Bronze Medal: Firefighter George H. Moore, Battalion Chief Floyd L. Ellmore, Firefighter Richard M. Tamillow.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL  
HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY  
ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, Despite the fact that 44 million Americans suffer from mental health disorders, a majority of health care plans continue to treat mental health differently than physical health. These plans discriminate against those with mental health disorders by imposing financial limitations and treatment restrictions on mental health and addiction care. Over 80 percent of Americans who need mental health treatment do not seek it because of the restrictions or the cost. This is unacceptable. Americans with mental health disorders need and deserve the same level of coverage as those who suffer from physical disorders, and with the passage of this bill, we can help give them that coverage.

This bill closes the loophole that has allowed plans to charge patients more and impose additional limits for mental health care. Efforts to weaken the bill by allowing plans to determine which mental health benefits to cover or preempting State laws providing stronger mental health protections will allow discrimination to continue against the millions of Americans who need our support in their efforts to seek treatment.

I urge everyone to vote for H.R. 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act, and these people whose lives depend on the treatment they need and deserve. Members of Congress have mental health parity. It's high time we provide parity to the 44 million Americans who need it.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL  
HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY  
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SPEECH OF

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.

As a society, we must fight for the rights of people who seek mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Vulnerable individuals with mental illnesses continue to face numerous barriers when seeking care, and we must work together to remove these barriers especially for diverse communities.

Latinos already have lower rates of employer-sponsored health insurance and lower rates of insurance with mental health coverage.

In California, 77 percent of Latinos' mental health treatment was covered by their insurance, compared to 85 percent of Whites.

The Supplement to the Report of the Surgeon General on Mental Health found that Latinos with mental disorders underutilize mental health services.

Fewer than 1 in 11 Latinos with a mental disorder seeks help with a mental health specialist.

We must do more to help people with mental health disorders and addiction.

I hope that mental health parity will help reduce barriers to their care, such as coverage, stigma and discrimination to mental health care.

We cannot let insurers continue to discriminate against which diagnoses should be covered and which ones are not.

We should not compromise our efforts to stop the persistent discrimination in our mental health and substance abuse health care system.

This bill is a step forward for people who suffer from mental illnesses and for their families, but we in Congress must do more to enable the millions of Americans to receive the mental health care they need and deserve.

I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this landmark legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2008  
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my Virginia colleagues FRANK WOLF and JAMES MORAN to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in northern Virginia. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes individuals who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety with the prestigious Valor Award. Two Members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office have earned this highest honor that Fairfax County bestows upon its public safety officials.

There are several types of Valor Awards that can be awarded to a public safety officer: the Life Saving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal of Valor.

It is with great pride that we enter into the RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2008 Valor Awards in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Receiving the Certificate of Valor: First Lieutenant Tyler D. Corey and Private First Class Michael W. Ittner.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

COMMENDING THE LSU COLLEGE  
OF EDUCATION FOR REACHING  
ITS CENTENNIAL

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Louisiana State University (LSU) College of Education for reaching its centennial.

Since its establishment, the college has prepared thousands of educational leaders, including supervisors, principals, superintendents, and university faculty and administrators.

Originally named the "Teachers' College," the LSU College of Education employed two faculty members at its founding in 1908. In 1939, the college expanded to include the School of Health & Physical Education, presently named the Department of Kinesiology. This department, initially focused on teacher education, has now expanded to include nationally and internationally recognized research and scholarship programs that generate and disseminate knowledge about all aspects of the art and science of human movement.

These days the college is a collaborative unit that prepares educational and wellness professionals. With oversight responsibilities for various professional certification programs spanning four colleges and one school, the college also oversees the K-12 University Laboratory School, which has been ranked among the nation's top 2.5 percent of public high schools by Newsweek as well as boasts the state's first international baccalaureate program.

The LSU College of Education today employs more than 200 faculty and professional staff to provide rigorous academic programs, highlighted by challenging, rich and collaborative experiences.

To celebrate the 100th birthday of the college, the LSU College of Education is hosting a series of events throughout the 2008-2009 anniversary year, including a kick-off centennial celebration, special lecture series, visiting scholars, and nationwide alumni celebrations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the LSU College of Education for reaching this landmark year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF MS. KAY BEARD

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Kay Beard, Wayne County Commissioner and dedicated community advocate, upon her retirement from a distinguished 30-year career in public service.

Kay became interested in politics at an early age at the knee of her grandmother who used to host meetings of the local congressional delegation in their Detroit home. Throughout her life, Kay was active in civic and community organizations, but did not run for political office until 1972 when she launched an unsuccessful bid for State representative. Undeterred, Kay ran for Wayne County commissioner in 1976, Kay was later appointed to fill a vacancy on the Wayne County Commission in April 1978. Subsequently, Kay never failed to win another election she ran in including her most recent reelection in 2006 to her 15th term. Her 30 years on the commission made her the longest serving member ever.

While managing the daily tasks of a county commissioner, Kay gave back a tremendous amount of time and effort to her community. Kay served on the National Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities, the Senior Advisory Council of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, the United Way Community Services Board of Directors, and was a founding member of Hospices of Michigan. Her efforts did not go unnoticed by the citizens of Michigan. The Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus presented her with its highest honor, the Eleanor Roosevelt Award. She was also a recipient of the Westland ATHENA Award and in honor of her achievements has had a building on the grounds of the Eloise Psychiatric Hospital renamed the Kay Beard Building.

During her 15 terms on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Ms. Beard has dealt with issues ranging from the termination of the drain commissioner's job, a failed smoking ban, the creation of an antifraud law, and a valiant yet unsuccessful attempt to save Wayne County General Hospital. Ms. Beard felt that spirited opposition was the touchstone of democracy. Despite displaying a vibrant spirit, Kay has been ordered by her doctor to step down for health reasons. Her loss will be felt by all the citizens of Wayne County who wish her nothing but happiness.

Madam Speaker, for 30 years Commissioner Kay Beard has faithfully served Michigan and Wayne County. As she enters the next phase of her life, she leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Commissioner Kay Beard upon her retirement and recognizing her years of loyal service to our community and country.

CONGRATULATING THE HASTINGS  
ST. CECILIA BLUEHAWKS

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, Today, I want to congratulate the Hastings St. Cecilia Bluehawks on winning the Nebraska Class C-I Boys Basketball Championship on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

In a game dominated by the defense, the Bluehawks finished ahead of previously unbeaten Bennington by a score of 50 to 43—all the more remarkable when you consider the score was only 24–22 at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Both teams deserve congratulations for finishing a great year. As one of the Bluehawks' coaches remarked, "This group can do anything they want to do when they put their minds to it."

I think that phrase can be used to sum up all of the great athletes who dedicated themselves this year, whether they made the championship game or not.

THE SUZANNE McDANIEL PUBLIC  
AWARENESS AWARD

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, Suzanne McDaniel is one of the "Old Buffalos," which is what we call the first advocates in the victims' rights field. I met Suzanne 25 years ago, when I was a judge on the Harris County District Court. Suzanne worked as the director of the Witness Office of the Harris County District Attorney's Office. She was one of the first prosecutor-based victim advocates in Texas and in the entire country. Since then, Suzanne has tirelessly crusaded for crime victims at the local, State and national levels.

Suzanne began working in the trenches, in the days when victims were looked at as mere witnesses in a trial. In Harris County, Texas, Suzanne helped create the first community interagency council on sexual assault and family violence. Suzanne then went to work for the State of Texas in the Governor's office. There she wrote groundbreaking reports on crime victims and organized conferences to train and educate victims, advocates, and allied professions.

Suzanne then brought her knowledge, dedication, and leadership to the Texas State Attorney General's office where she was the State's crime victim information officer. In this position, Suzanne advocated for the passage of legislative and regulatory initiatives, including the passage of Texas' State constitutional amendment for victims. As a testament to Suzanne's significant contributions to the victims' field, the State coalition of victim organizations, VOTERS, appointed her as legislative liaison.

Not only has Suzanne tirelessly advocated for crime victims in Texas, but she brought the same drive and compassion to the national level. In 1984, when President Ronald Reagan created the President's Task Force on Victims

of Crime, Suzanne coordinated field hearings that launched victims' rights into a national concern. In addition, Suzanne served on the board of the National Organization for Victim Assistance for 10 years.

When I came to Congress, I founded the Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus to provide a voice for and to advocate on behalf of crime victims. The Caucus honors individuals, organizations, and advocates that have truly made a difference for crime victims. Instead of honoring Suzanne's contributions with an award, the Caucus has named an award after her, to forever honor her work, dedication, and compassion. On April 9, 2008, the Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus will present its first "Suzanne McDaniel Public Awareness Award." And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS J.  
GRAFF

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas J. Graff, senior counsel to the Environmental Defense Fund of California. His more than 35 years as a leader in California's environmental and water communities is to be commended, a service that he has performed with intelligence, passion, and humor.

Tom joined the California bar after receiving graduate degrees from the London School of Economics and Harvard Law School. In 1971, Tom founded the first California office of the Environmental Defense Fund. The modern environmental movement was in its infancy, but Tom Graff learned quickly.

Tom worked hard to reform California water policy, particularly in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Working closely with colleagues, allies and adversaries, Tom contributed to projects such as Mono Lake, Imperial Valley, the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, CVPIA, and the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord. His efforts in protecting California water resources led to his service on the Colorado River Board, where he worked with Californians and water advocates from throughout the Colorado River basin. A consistent thread in his environmental and water advocacy was economic solutions to complex environmental problems.

Tom Graff's influence crossed over into other aspects of California's environment and economy as well. In the 1980s, he launched efforts to address acid rains and transportation issues. Governor Pete Wilson appointed Tom to the Commission on Transportation Investment, where Tom participated in infrastructure issues.

While the law is, by nature, adversarial, Tom's gifted advocacy has gained him the respect and admiration of many, even those considered his adversaries. Many testify to Tom's practice of active listening in order to genuinely understand his adversaries' interests. This often resulted in solutions that resolved both sides' concerns. In sometimes tense negotiations, Tom was known to insert humor as well as perspective to smooth the way toward resolving potentially intense conflicts. Tom spoke accurately when he said, "We cannot repeat the water wars of the past." "We have to find a way to work together, or we will all lose."

Tom's contributions to California's environmental community have been public and political, as well as private and personal. Tom has served as a lecturer at law schools at the University of California—Berkeley and Harvard. His constant practice of mentoring junior colleagues and law students has been spoken highly of.

In everything that Tom Graff has aspired to do, he has helped broaden Californians' understanding of the challenges of balancing environmental and economic concerns, and the use of California's natural resources. It is that effort that I recognize before you today.

SEVEN KILLED IN SHOOTING AT  
JERUSALEM SEMINARY

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, last Thursday was a tragic day in Jerusalem. An "act of terror and depravity" as Secretary Rice defined it, took the lives of eight young students, while gathering to have dinner.

At 8:45 pm, Thursday night, two terrorists infiltrated to a Jewish seminary in Jerusalem and opened fire in a dining hall. The shooting was continuing for a few minutes until police forces arrived and the gunmen were stopped. Eight students were killed and seven others were wounded and are still hospitalized.

Mercatz Harav Seminary is a center for studying of Judaism that is located in Kiryat Moshe quarter at the entrance of the city. The seminary holds around 500 students, including foreigners, some of them Americans. In this specific evening there were about 80 people in the dining hall when the gunmen opened fire.

The victims are Neria Cohen, 15 years old; Segev Paniel Avihail, 15 years old; Yehonathan Ytzchak Eldar, 16 years old; Avraham David Moses, 16 years old; Roy Rot, 18 years old; Yochai Lifshitz, 18 years old; Yehonadav Haim Hirshfeld, 19 years old; and Doron Mahareta, 26 years old.

I urge my colleagues to come together and find ways to resolve the conflict in the Middle East.

I would also like to express my deep sorrow for the loss of the young students. To the parents and families of the victims, I offer my sincerest condolences, and grant the families comfort and peace at this time.

HONORING MARTIN'S MILL LADY  
MUSTANGS FOR WINNING THE  
CLASS A DIVISION I TEXAS  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Martin's Mill Lady Mustangs basketball team for winning the Class A Division I Texas State Championship.

On March 2, 2008, the Lady Mustangs made their third straight appearance in the State tournament since they secured their first championship title in 2006. After trading leads

throughout the game and trailing late in the third quarter, the Lady Mustangs came back to secure a 48–43 victory over Sudan.

I especially want to recognize the three seniors on the team, Jordan Barncastle, Taylor Daniel and Christa Williams, for the extraordinary achievement of securing two State championships. In addition, I want to congratulate Jordan Barncastle for being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after contributing 18 points, eight rebounds, and three steals in the championship game.

I also want to recognize Head Coach Doug Barncastle, who began coaching at Martin's Mill High School in 2005 and has led the Lady Mustangs to the State tournament all 3 years. This victory was extra special since he was coaching his daughter, Jordan Barncastle, in her last game before graduating and heading to Lubbock to play for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. With the game falling during the week of his birthday, the victory was an answered birthday wish for Coach Barncastle.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize the Martin's Mill Lady Mustangs—both coaches and players—for their talent, dedication, and exceptional performance.

#### CONGRATULATING THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY, ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the borough of Ramsey, New Jersey, on its centennial celebration. Today, March 10, is the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Ramsey.

Ramsey is located at the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains in northeast New Jersey and covers 5.9 square miles. Dutch, English, Scottish, and German settlers were among the first colonists to live in Ramsey. The Old Stone House was built as a Dutch colonial farmhouse in the 1700s, and it is still preserved today. A gristmill was erected in the mid 1780s, and six decades later a railroad station was assembled—both brought commerce and development to the area. Ramsey quickly became known as the strawberry capital, due to the large amounts of strawberries grown in the region and then shipped to other States.

Today, Ramsey is the site of six churches, three parks, four public schools, and a public library. Several scenes from The Sopranos episode "The Happy Wander" were shot at the Maple Shade Motel, and Ramsey was also a setting for scenes from the 2006 film World Trade Center. Several notable Americans have resided in Ramsey, including Ryan Grant, running back for the Green Bay Packers; Danny Aiello, a stage and film star; and Ryan McGinley, a photographer. Perhaps the most distinguished resident to call Ramsey "home" was Army Master Sergeant Charles Ernest Hosking, who received a Medal of Honor for self-sacrificially saving the lives of several of his commanders during the Vietnam war.

The borough of Ramsey is rich with historical, cultural, educational, and recreational in-

stitutions. For 100 years, Ramsey has been the cherished residence of many Americans. It is my hope that the borough of Ramsey will continue to be a vibrant community for many years to come.

#### CONGRATULATING PERKINS COUNTY PLAINSMEN ON WINNING CLASS C-2B NEBRASKA GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TITLE

##### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Perkins County Plainsmen on their 62 to 49 victory over Sutton to take the Class C-2B Nebraska Girls Basketball State Title on March 1, 2008. They embody the spirit of teamwork, determination, and heart, which champions display.

They finished the season unbeaten, but definitely not untested. Sutton, who allowed an average of just 35 points a game this season, gave the Plainsmen all they could handle, but came up short.

So, it is with a sense of pride that I congratulate the Perkins County Plainsmen girls' basketball team on winning this championship. This victory is the result of months and years of hard work by the players, students, and their coaches.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING EARL LLOYD FOR BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO PLAY IN THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

SPEECH OF

##### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Representative JIM MORAN's House resolution expressing the sense of Congress to recognize and honor Earl Lloyd for breaking the color barrier as the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association (NBA).

In addition to Earl Lloyd's accomplishments during the 1950 season, I want to take this opportunity to also recognize the Boston Celtics franchise and legendary coach and general manager Red Auerbach for their work in the advancement and inclusion of African-Americans in the NBA.

In 1950, before Earl Lloyd became the first African-American to play in an NBA game, Chuck Cooper became the first African-American to be drafted in the NBA by the Boston Celtics in the second round of the selection process. This milestone was the first in a long list of accomplishments the Celtics organization has made during their storied history to break down the color barrier in professional sports.

In addition to drafting the first African-American player, Red Auerbach was also the first to have an all African-American starting lineup which included Bill Russell, Willie Naulls, Tom Sanders, Sam Jones and K. C. Jones. In the

1966–67 season, the Celtics would go a step further by making Bill Russell the first African-American to coach an NBA team.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring Earl Lloyd, Chuck Cooper and all the individuals who were a part of breaking down the color barrier in professional sports.

#### RECOGNIZING EILEEN MCGUCKIAN

##### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation and gratitude to Eileen McGuckian, founder of Peerless Rockville, for her 35 years of service to the cause of historic preservation.

Eileen was driven to take action in 1974, when she witnessed the demolition of the historic and beautiful Masonic Lodge in Rockville. Along with a group of like-minded community members, she formed Peerless Rockville and began raising money for the preservation of historic buildings and sites and educating the public on the importance of protecting our shared history.

Peerless Rockville has become a model of public-private partnership, whose successes have included the rescue and preservation of the 1873 B&O Railroad Station, the Montrose School and Baptist Cemetery, the Dawson farmhouse, the Grand Courtroom of the Red Brick Courthouse, and Wire Hardware, one of the few examples of 19th century commercial architecture remaining in Rockville. In addition, Peerless Rockville fulfills its educational mission by providing walking tours and history programs, and maintaining an impressive collection of maps, historic photographs, architects' drawings and other documents. These documents are an invaluable resource for local residents, students and scholars. Eileen herself made full use of this collection in her award-winning book, *Rockville: Portrait of a City*. Today, Rockville is a richer and more beautiful place thanks to Eileen McGuckian.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring Eileen McGuckian for 35 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the city of Rockville and to Montgomery County, Maryland.

#### CONDEMNING THE ONGOING PALESTINIAN ROCKET ATTACKS ON ISRAELI CIVILIANS

SPEECH OF

##### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, I rise to explain the reasons and the scruples that led me to vote "present" on H. Res. 951.

I would note, first, that the resolution as amended and passed is more acceptable to me than the original draft. Most important to me is that the amended resolution recognizes the suffering of innocent victims on both sides of the conflict. However, I continue to believe that resolutions containing language such as



some of the language in H. Res. 951 do not advance us towards the most important goal relative to this issue: peaceful co-existence for the region.

The resolution properly states America's support for the people of Israel and their right to defend themselves. It notes the near daily rocket and mortar attacks on southern Israel that have been launched from the Gaza Strip since Israel withdrew from Gaza in the interests of peace in 2005. It fairly condemns Hamas and other terrorist organizations. I have never wavered in my support for Israel's right to defend itself against terrorists. I approved their action against the Iraqi nuclear site. I was bitterly criticized for my defense of the "targeted assassination" of Sheikh Yassin in 2004. I led the resistance in the city of Somerville to a campaign to divest in Israel. I am a friend of Israel and I do not believe this resolution makes Israel safer. It fails to reconfirm our commitment to peace and to a process that can bring about peace. I believe this failure renders America less able to be an effective broker for peace in the region.

In addition, I question the desirability and wisdom of reiterating the status of Iran and Syria as "state sponsors of terror". The Department of State has so listed them and, certainly, there is ample evidence that both countries have actively and passively provided aid and comfort to Hamas and also to Hizbollah. Certainly, the current leaders of Iran have publicly stated their vile opinions about Israel and their determination to eradicate it. No one can deny these facts. Nonetheless, I have always been of the opinion that finding a way to peace is more important than name calling—even if the names seem to be well-deserved. I believe that those who are truly committed to finding a peaceful solution—two democratic states, recognized by other nations and coexisting in peace—must not succumb to the temptation of name-calling. We cannot let terrorists shape our agenda. We must remain determined to pursue peace.

I would ask anyone whether they are more or less likely to open their ears so they can hear their opponent if that opponent constantly calls them names. I would ask anyone whether they are more or less likely to believe that someone who calls them names can truly understand their concerns. We all suffer from the same human weakness that causes us to lash out at those who attack us. This is a natural and understandable emotional reaction. However, it is one that we must resist, especially when engaging in what should be seen as deliberative and thoughtful endeavors such as Congressional resolutions.

That said, I believe every observer agrees that Egypt and Syria must be active participants in resolving this conflict. Many might agree that Iran must participate as well—or at least acquiesce. How then does it encourage them to do so when the Congress states or implies that they are to blame for the problems in the region? This question seems particularly relevant because the resolution, a condemnation of Hamas rocket attacks and an expression of solidarity with the people of Israel does not require us to condemn other regional powers. There is no need to "poke our finger in the eye" of governments able to thwart or advance a peaceful solution.

I would point out that the Congress has taken this approach for years. We have passed numerous resolutions—too many, in

my view, that are gratuitously confrontational. I ask: Have those resolutions moved us any closer to finding a peaceful solution? The approach has not worked thus far and I see no reason to believe it will start working now.

I voted "present" rather than "no" because I was in sympathy with much of the resolution. I voted as a Member of Congress determined that the United States act responsibly in pursuit of peace.

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HONORING JOHNNIE BENDY FOR  
RECEIVING THE LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Johnnie Bendy for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce.

Johnnie Bendy, named after her father who passed away weeks before she was born, is known for the impact she has made in her community. Ms. Bendy's grandmother and elderly neighbors influenced her love for nature and education by taking her fishing, teaching her to identify medicinal herbs, and explaining the intricacies of nature. Being raised by a single mother in the 1930s inevitably led to difficult times, and Ms. Bendy recalls going hungry for days.

After attending grade school in Mineola, Ms. Bendy worked to pay her way through school at Texas College. After graduating, Ms. Bendy taught at McFarland School until 1964 when she began her career as a librarian at Mineola Middle School, a post she held for 38 years.

In addition to teaching, Ms. Bendy devoted her time volunteering and serving on the city planning and zoning commission, the Kindness Cottage, the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, the Community Chest, United Way, the East Texas Council of Government, and is a former president of Friends of the Library. Ms. Bendy has been recognized both locally and nationally as a Distinguished Teacher, Volunteer of the Year, and 1998 Woman of the Year.

In 2007, Mineola Mayor Pete Smith dedicated a historical marker to Ms. Bendy in the Mineola Nature Preserve on the Sabine River that now marks a trail leading to the International & Great Northern Rail Road where she spent her childhood playing outdoors.

In the midst of all this activity, Ms. Bendy sang in her church choir and devoted time to organizing and serving on various church committees.

Ms. Bendy's perseverance and selfless attitude in the face of cumbersome obstacles qualifies her to receive this lifetime achievement award. Her work helped Mineola become a better place to live, work, raise a family, and realize the American dream.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Johnnie Bendy for earning the Lifetime Achievement Award and for sharing her passions to inspire those around her.

TRIBUTE TO CLEORA MAGEE

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cleora Magee as she retires as the executive director of the city of Flint Human Relations Commission. A celebration will be held in her honor on Saturday, March 15 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Cleora Magee has served the people of the Flint area for many years. After working in the registrar's office at Mott Community College, Cleora became a community organizer at the Urban Coalition of Greater Flint. She went on to work at the Flint Neighborhood Improvement and Preservation Project, Incorporated, as a Community Organizer, and a Neighborhood Service Center manager. In 1996 she became the executive director of the city of Flint Human Relations Commission.

In her capacity as the executive director, Cleora has touched the lives of thousands of people. She serves many organizations and is affiliated with the following: secretary for the board of the Fair Winds Girl Scout Council; secretary of the board of the Flint Neighborhood Improvement and Preservation Project, Incorporated; secretary for the board of the Flint Neighborhood Coalition; a member of the board of directors and chairperson of the Michigan Outstate Chapter of the National Association of Human Rights Workers; member of the board and mediator with the Community Resolution Center; Member of the Advisory Board of YouthBuild; the Mayor's Representative on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Local Board and Allocations Committee; a member of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; a member of Flint Rotary; the chairperson of the Sponsorship Committee for the National Multicultural Diversity Institute; co-chairperson of the Community Response Committee with the Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes; a member of the Hurley Medical Center Bioethics Committee; a member of the M.L. King, Jr. Annual Tribute Planning Committee; a member of the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace; a member of Community Challenge Visual Change Group; a member of the city of Flint Threat Assessment Team; the coordinator of the city of Flint Employee Combined Charitable Campaign; a member of the United Way of Genesee County Strengthening Families System of Care; a member of the New Immigrant Services Coalition of MidMichigan; a member of the Kwanzaa Committee; the secretary for Unification for Urban Equality; a member of the Donald Riegle Annual Service Award Event Committee; a member of the Community Outreach for Family and Youth Steering Committee; a member of the McCree Special Groups Committee; the African American Heritage Collaborative Committee; the Youth Violence Prevention Coalition; and the city of Flint Emergency Evacuation Committee.

Cleora is married to Percy Magee. She has four children and three stepchildren. She received her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in Community Development. Cleora attends True Gospel Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as deaconess.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating



Cleora Magee on her career of service to the people of Flint, Michigan. The community is losing a great advocate and I wish her the best as she enjoys her well deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The Monterey Chamber of Commerce was created in 1908 from a loosely organized merchants' association. In 1949, the name was changed to reflect its expansion across the entire peninsula including the sister cities of Carmel, Pacific Grove, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Seaside, and Sand City as well as the neighboring unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Pebble Beach.

Today, a chamber is more than a non-profit organization; it is a business, and its product is its members. As the largest chamber of commerce in the tri-county area, it provides leadership on issues, programs and business development that benefit both the community and their member businesses.

Now 1,000 members strong, the chamber's commitment to serving the business interests of the entire peninsula strengthens economic growth, promotes the wonders of Monterey County, and serves the needs of our many visitors annually from around the world.

In answer to the question, "What has the Chamber done for me lately?" Board chair Terry Low and president and CEO Astrid Coleman offer these programs and goals: promoting its members by making each one aware of local products and services and creating events to showcase the members; offering educational programs, coaching services and forums to help small business owners succeed; and presenting a "voice for business" to legal and legislative authorities about issues affecting peninsula business and the community. Recognizing the need for a properly prepared workforce, the chamber mobilizes business and community resources to

ensure quality education on the Monterey Peninsula, and is dedicated to sustainability through the local greening of businesses.

Madam Speaker, I salute 100 years of effort by the members, volunteers, committee members, board members, community partners, and staff of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, whose dedication has made this organization a vital and integral part of our community.

CONGRATULATING EWING TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Ewing Tigers girls basketball team for winning the 2008 Nebraska State Girls Basketball Class D-2 Championship by the score of 45-44 last week, just barely edging the Pleasanton Bulldogs.

The returning champs from 2007—who went 0-19 just three years ago—found their salvation on the foul line, making three of four free throws with just 23 seconds to go in the game. A coach I know once said that if you make your free throws, you win the game. Well, the girls from Ewing certainly proved him right.

The players showed grit and determination during their championship game, but also dedication, teamwork and responsibility during the regular season to get them to the final game. They should be proud of their accomplishments, as I'm sure their entire community is of them.

I hope the girls and their coaches are as proud of themselves as we are of them. They deserve a well earned break, and I look forward to following their season next year.

HONORING SUZANNE LINDLEY FOR HER DEDICATION TO HELPING OTHERS FIGHT CANCER

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2008*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Suzanne Lindley for her

dedication to inspiring cancer patients and survivors and for courageously fighting her own battle against colorectal cancer.

In 1998, after receiving a bleak diagnosis that she had advanced metastatic colorectal cancer, Mrs. Lindley reached out to fellow patients in an attempt to gain emotional and medical support. Nine years later, thousands are looking to Mrs. Lindley for inspiration. In addition to being involved in eight different associations, Mrs. Lindley is a co-founder and president of Yttrium-90 Microspheres Education and Support, and serves on the Colorectal Cancer Coalition steering committee for Cover Your Butt. Mrs. Lindley also works with the American Cancer Society as the online chair for Van Zandt County Relay for Life, the ACT District 5 chair, a Cancer Action Network member, and a Cancer Support Network member.

Through her own experience, Mrs. Lindley learned the importance of support groups for both patients suffering with cancer and their families. But rather than focusing on herself, Mrs. Lindley organized survivor advocacy to support cancer patients.

With a desire to bring hope to others, Mrs. Lindley took her personal story to the national stage and courageously shared it with magazines, radio and television hosts. During her appearance on the TODAY Show, Katie Couric referred to her as a "Medical Matchmaker" for promoting the "buddy system" while fighting this disease.

Today, I have the privilege of meeting with Mrs. Lindley. However, this is not Mrs. Lindley's first trip to Washington, DC. Desiring to take a proactive approach, Mrs. Lindley has spent much time with lawmakers, both back home and in Washington, to petition Congress for their help in the fight against cancer.

Cancer is a devastating disease that has touched many lives. As a former volunteer and board member of the American Cancer Society of Dallas, I have seen how cancer impacts a family. As a husband and father, I share a deep commitment to the fight against cancer.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Suzanne Lindley for her selfless spirit in the face of a consuming disease.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

## Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States.

SH-219

10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight.

SD-538

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine alternatives to the current federal estate tax system.

SD-215

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 3247, to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments, S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, S. 789, to prevent abuse of Government credit cards, S. 2291, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style of Government documents issued to the public, S. 2420, to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food, S. 2534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building", H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post

Office Building", H.R. 4342, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building", S. 2725, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office", H.R. 3720, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building", H.R. 3988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building", H.R. 4211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the "Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office", H.R. 4240, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building", S. 2622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office", S. 2626 and H.R. 5400, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the "Sergeant Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building", H.R. 3468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office", H.R. 3532, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the "Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office", H.R. 4203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the "Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building", H.R. 5135, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building", and the nomination of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

## Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine issues relative to in-person voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement.

SR-301

## Armed Services

## Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

10:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Air Force.

SD-192

## Aging

To hold hearings relative to doctors and prescription drug information and reviews.

SD-562

1:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength.

SR-253

2 p.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine Generation Rx, focusing on the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

SD-226

## Armed Services

## SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program.

SR-222

2:15 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

## East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the United States and Vietnam, focusing on the bilateral relationship.

SD-419

## Armed Services

## Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction.

SD-106

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine agencies in peril, focusing on protecting federal information technology and secure sensitive information.

SD-342

## Armed Services

## Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs.

SR-232A

## Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

4 p.m.

## Appropriations

## Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the federal judiciary.

SD-138

## MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States European

Command and the United States African Command, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

## Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and the nominations of William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, both of the Department of State.

S-116, Capitol

## Energy and Natural Resources

## Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine old-growth forest science, focusing on policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the financial state of the airline industry.

SR-253

## Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation.

SD-192

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine customs reauthorization, focusing on strengthening United States economic interests and security.

SD-215

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, S. Res. 468, designating April 2008 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month", and the nominations of Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Rebecca A. Gregory,

to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

SD-226

## Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

2p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

SR-253

## Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the armed forces, and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Security Administration, and the future years defense program.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

SR-253

## Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Poland's Museum of the History of Polish Jews.  
B318, Rayburn Building

MARCH 14

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ways to reform the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) system.

SD-342

APRIL 3

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine international fisheries, focusing on management and enforcement.

SR-253

APRIL 8

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission reauthorization.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the digital television transition, focusing on consumers, broadcasters, and converter boxes.

SR-253

APRIL 10

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine phantom traffic.

SR-253

## CANCELLATIONS

MARCH 12

10:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider an original bill, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

SD-419

## POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Government Printing Office, and the Office of Compliance.

SD-124